

REMARKS

A. Restriction Requirement

The election of the claims of Group I, i.e., Claims 1-5, drawn to a bandage, is affirmed.

Claims 11-15 and 20, drawn to methods of skin treatment, have been canceled. Claims 16-19 and 21-27, drawn to methods of manufacturing a bandage, have been canceled. Applicants expressly reserve the right to file one or more continuation and/or divisional applications claiming the non-elected and canceled subject matter.

B. Correction of Inventorship Under 37 CFR 1.48(b)

A request to correct the inventorship by deleting William H. Kimball as an inventor will be separately filed together with the requisite fee.

C. Rejections

In view of the cancellation of Claims 1 and 2, the rejections of Claims 1 and 2 as anticipated by U.S. 4,991,574 to (Packnell) are moot. In view of the Cancellation of Claim 2, the rejection of Claim 2 as obvious over U.S. 5,674,523 (to Cartmell et al.) in view of U.S. 5,540,922 (to Fabo) is moot. In view of the cancellation of Claim 3, the rejection of Claim 3 as obvious over U.S. 5,674,523 to (Cartmell et al.) is moot.

D. Objections

Claims 4 and 5 were objected to as being dependent on a rejected base claim.

Claim 4 has been rewritten as an independent claim which includes all limitations of original Claim 1. Claim 5, dependent on Claim 4, also contains all the limitations of Claim 1.

E. Closing

Reconsideration of the objection and an early allowance of amended Claims 4 and 5 is respectfully requested.

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The undersigned is of record (see the Declaration and Power of Attorney naming Margaret B. Kelley).

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